

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S225–S302

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2551–2556, and S. Res. 425. **Pages S283–84**

Measures Reported:

S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–259) **Page S283**

Measures Passed:

Party Appointments for the 110th Congress: Senate agreed to S. Res. 425, making minority party appointments for the 110th Congress. **Page S301**

Joint Session of Congress: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 282, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President. **Page S301**

Measures Considered:

FISA Amendments Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2248, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act. **Pages S227–71, S302**

Rejected:

The amendment in the nature of a substitute reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, as modified. (By 60 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 2), Senate tabled the amendment.). **Pages S227–56**

Pending:

Rockefeller/Bond Amendment No. 3911, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S256–58**

Feingold/Dodd Amendment No. 3909 (to Amendment No. 3911), to require that certain records be submitted to Congress. **Pages S258–60**

Bond Amendment No. 3916 (to Amendment No. 3909), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S260–71**

Reid Amendment No. 3918 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Rockefeller/Bond Amendment No. 3911), relative to the extension of the Protect America Act of 2007. **Page S302**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to invoke cloture on the Rockefeller/Bond Amendment No. 3911 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday January 24, 2008, a vote on cloture will occur at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, January 28, 2008; provided further, that the cloture vote be deemed as having occurred at 12 noon, on Monday, January 28, 2008. **Page S270**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid Amendment No. 3918 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, January 28, 2008. **Page S302**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Friday, January 25, 2008. **Page S302**

Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for a joint session to be held at 9:00 p.m., on Monday, January 28, 2008. **Page S301**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—2) **Page S256**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:09 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 25, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S302.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ed Schafer, of North Dakota, to be Secretary of Agriculture, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Conrad and Dorgan, and Representative Pomeroy, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office budget and economic outlook, focusing on fiscal years 2008 to 2018, after receiving testimony from Peter R. Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

MINING LAW OF 1872 REFORM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine ways to reform the Mining Law of 1872, after receiving testimony from Henri Bisson, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, and Deborah Gibbs Tschudy, Deputy Associate Director, Minerals Revenue Management, Minerals Management Service, both of the Department of the Interior; Mayor Alan Bernholtz, Crested Butte, Colorado; William E. Cobb, Freeport McMoran Mining Company, Phoenix, Arizona, on behalf of the National Mining Association; Randy Wanamaker, BBC Human Resource Development Corporation, Juneau, Alaska; Michael P. Dombeck, University of Wisconsin College of Natural Resources, Stevens Point, on behalf of Trout Unlimited, and sundry organizations; James F. Cress, Holme Roberts and Owen LLP, Denver, Colorado; Ryan Alexander, Taxpayers for Common Sense, Washington, D.C.; and James M. Otto, Boulder, Colorado.

CALIFORNIA WAVIER

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's decision to deny a wavier to the state of California, after receiving testimony from Stephen L. Johnson, Adminis-

trator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, Annapolis; Vermont Governor James Douglas, Montpelier; Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell, Harrisburg; Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, Lansing; Douglas Haaland, Assembly Republican Caucus, Sacramento, California; David Doniger, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), New York, New York; and Jeffrey R. Holmstead, Bracewell and Giuliani, Washington, D.C.

STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S ECONOMY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings to examine legislative options aimed at stimulus relating to strengthening America's economy, after receiving testimony from Martin Feldstein, Harvard University Department of Economics, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Jason Furman, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

CLIMATE TREATY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine international climate change negotiation, focusing on Bali and the path toward a post-2012 climate treaty, after receiving testimony from James L. Connaughton, Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality, Executive Office of the President; James R. Lyons, Oxfam America, Glenn T. Prickett, Conservation International, and John J. Castellani, Business Roundtable, all of Washington, D.C.; and Elliot Diringer, Pew Center on Global Climate Change, Arlington, Virginia.

NORTH KOREA UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine the United Nations Development Program in North Korea, including management reform efforts at the United Nations (UN) Secretariat since 2006, oversight and accountability in selected UN organizations, and UN and other international organization activities in Burma, after receiving testimony from Zalmay Khalilzad, Ambassador to the United Nations, and Mark D. Wallace, Ambassador for United Nations Management and Reform, both of the Department of State; Thomas Melito, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and Frederick Tipson, Washington, D.C., and David Lockwood, David Morrison, and Robert Benson, all of New York, New York, all of the United Nations.

CONTRACTING IN HOSTILE ZONES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services,